

Pandemic Cover Crop Program

The Pandemic Cover Crop Program provides a premium benefit of \$5 per acre to producers who planted qualifying cover crops during the 2022 crop year.



WHO

All cover crops that are reportable to the FSA qualify for PCCP. The program is available for most crop insurance policies, including Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP). However, PCCP is not available for producers with certain types of coverage, including PACE, ECO, SCO, and HIP-WI.

WHAT

Eligible policyholders will receive a benefit of \$5 per acre. This benefit will apply directly to the policyholder's premium payment, and the amount received cannot be more than the total premium owed. Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa each have their own cover crop incentive programs; producers in these states will receive an additional benefit from the federal PCCP.

WHY

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult for some farmers to continue to maintain their cover crop systems. PCCP was developed to counteract this as part of the RMA's commitment to rewarding conservation-minded growing practices.

Regularly planting cover crops is a vital part of sustainable farming. The presence of cover crops aids in nutrient and topsoil retention, reduces erosion, improves water absorption, and more.

Signing Up for PCCP



Make an appointment at your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.



Complete a Report of Acreage (FSA-578) form at the FSA by March 15, 2022.



The Report of Acreage must match the information reported to the crop insurance provider.

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